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1. Since approximately 18 March 1955, there has been increased KVP recruitment activity within various nationalized enterprises throughout East Germany. KVP officers of all arms and services have appeared at the enterprises and have been holding conferences with the Party Directorates (BPO) and union directorates (BGL), informing them of the pertinent directives and setting exact times for recruitment attempts.
2. The personnel sections of the enterprise have received a directive according to which lists of employees between the ages of 20 and 45 are to be drawn up. According to these lists, employee groups of 20 to 30 men are assembled and are then addressed by a KVP officer who explains the importance of the KVP and who attempts recruitment on the spot.
3. The qualifications for being accepted into the VP and KVP are as follows:
  - a. Age: male - 18 to 45; female 20 to 45
  - b. Physical condition: Grade I or II (Tauglichkeitsgrad I oder II)
  - c. No more than one year as Western prisoner of war
  - d. No schooling while a prisoner of war
  - e. Individuals who have been imprisoned for political reasons are unacceptable.
  - f. Individuals who have been imprisoned on criminal charges are considered on the merits of their cases.
  - g. Individuals with blood relatives of the first generation in West Berlin or West Germany are considered on their individual merits.

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